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SUBJECT: FOIA Request for records related to Non-Binding Preliminary Allocations of Responsibility and the West Lake Landfill

To Whom It May Concern;

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. et seq. I request the following records:

Records related to the West Lake Landfill and any Non-Binding Preliminary Allocations of Responsibility (NBARs).

"Records" is defined broadly to encompass all print, non-printable, electronically stored information, memoranda, reports, notes, transcripts, files transferred through 3rd party file sharing sites, electronic mail, CD's, DVD's, Powerpoint Presentations, spreadsheets, photos, videos, drawings, actions documenting oversight, etc.

This request also includes copies of any indices relating to the responsive records, including shared drive folder structures, or other documents referring to the formal file structure maintained for these records.

I also request that fees be waived pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), ("Documents shall be furnished without any charge ... if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."), since the disclosure is significantly in the public interest, and I don't stand to benefit from it.

If my fee waiver request is denied, please inform me in advance if this request is expected to cost more than \$250.00.

Please provide all applicable records, in their native form, to:

Enformable
Attn: Lucas Hixson
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I also request an estimate of how soon I can expect to receive the responsive documents. I requested that the responsive records be sent via email in the form of searchable pdfs, but if it will appreciably reduce the wait time, I'd prefer that hardcopies be sent to me by overnight courier, followed by the pdfs at a later date.

I am the Editor-in-Chief for Enformable, a digital news service that has diligently worked to make FOIA documents available to the public online. I routinely make complex information to the public through a variety of platforms and plan to disseminate any information found through this request to the public.

The requested information will significantly contribute to a better public understanding of the operations of the federal government by providing the public with the information the government uses to decide how to act. The information should be released as quickly as possible to help public officials and citizens alike to make more informed decisions about ongoing efforts and to raise concerns.

I have no commercial interest in this information.

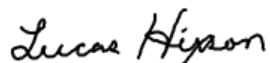
If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all aggregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I will expect your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (312) 725-6596 or lhixson@environserve.com.

I look forward to working with you on this FOIA request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucas Hixson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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